

## The Canadian Lakehead Wireless Experimenters

Meeting, December 19th, 1945

On December 19, 1945, this club met in the Lorna Doone Tea Room.

After a very enjoyable dinner, the meeting was opened by the president, Bruce Grant who immediately asked that the minutes of the last meeting be read. An amendment was placed before the assembly by the president, to the effect that the name of the newly elected Secretary-Treasurer, Ray Greer, be included in the minutes. The amendment met general consent, so Bruce Grant asked that someone place a motion that the minutes be adopted as read. The motion which was carried was made by Bill Blennerhassett and seconded by Ray Godsalve.

The president then advised that no reply has, as yet, been received to our letter of inquiry to the Toronto Ops. Bruce Grant told us that Charlie Fieldhouse, who was to talk on antenna arrays, was unavoidably detained and could not attend the meeting. The president also advised that the General Electric people will have films to show at our next meeting.

Mr. Grant then called on Harold Dow. Harold had a coil winding contest arranged for us, and, R. A. Boorman won the prize.

Alex Foulton was introduced at this point. Alex gave us a talk on radar. He let us in only on that phase of radar which the military has released. Alex kept the strictly hush-hush, strictly hush-hush!

Pat O'Shea was then called upon. Mr. O'Shea produced an oscillator, key and loud speaker, and, announced a code contest. At the end of the first trial we all displayed very red faces. Ray Godsalve handled the key. Lloyd Collins, a club member from way back, took all honours for copy.

A proposal of establishing a membership committee to look after new members and encourage all hams to join our organization was advanced by Ray Greer. Ralph Parker said that he had lived at the Lakehead since 1931 and had never been asked to join the club. As a result he felt left out of local amateur activities. The president advised that anyone who holds an amateur certificate is acceptable as a member, and, that he believed this generally understood here. Bruce Grant admitted, though that we are lax in our method of handling new members, but, that this will be rectified. Bruce Grant then invited Ralph Parker to join our ranks, and, asked others who were non-members and possessed the necessary qualifications to do the same. Ralph Parker then took the floor and said that being a full-pledged member he could talk more frankly. He told us of a guest, who although he joined our club claimed he was not given a warm welcome. This sort of thing is no good, he said. Be more constructive. Give us a strictly ham programme. Have QSL cards routed to one person who is known to the postmaster. In reply to Ralph's remarks, regarding the treatment of guests, Mr. H> E. Clarke said he had attended our first meeting as a guest. Mr. Clarke said that he was introduced to all present, and had such a good time that he joined the club. Mr. O'Shea said that in pre war days all QSL's improperly addressed were sent to him by the postmaster. He re-routed them to the addressee. Ed Gareau asked that the club think of the returning serviceman who knew radio but had no knowledge of amateur radio. He suggested that this man would no doubt make a good ham when acquainted with our hobby.

Ralph Parker then asked about membership cards and the possibility of having mimeograph sheets of ham news made up and sent to the members monthly. Mr. O'Shea motioned that membership cards be printed. Ray Godsalve seconded the motion which was carried.

Alex Foulton suggested forming a work committee outside of the executive in order that each member have a club job to do, thus maintaining interest in the club. The president then summed all suggestions and criticisms. He told of the advisory committee which had been formed to take care of service men and the problems of new members. Mr. O'Shea is chairman of that committee which members are the charter members of the club.

The president then asked the assembly to consider a motion of adjournment. Mr. O'Shea put the motion before the members and George Owen seconded the motion which was carried.